

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S855–S888*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2415–2416, and S. Res. 401–403. **Page S875**

**Measures Reported:**

H.R. 535, to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels.

H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 92, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon.

S. 2060, to promote democracy and human rights in Burma, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2286, to amend the Peace Corps Act to provide greater protection and services for Peace Corps volunteers, with amendments.

**Measures Passed:**

*American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 403, designating February 2018 as “American Heart Month” and February 2, 2018, as “National Wear Red Day”. **Page S887**

**Measures Considered:**

**Broader Options for Americans Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage. **Pages S856–68**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 32), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S867–68**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 13, 2018; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the motion to proceed. **Page S887**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, received during adjournment of the Senate on February 9, 2018; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–26) **Page S870**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President’s designation as emergency requirements as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts, received during adjournment of the Senate on February 9, 2017; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–27) **Page S870**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2019; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations. (PM–28) **Pages S870–71**

Transmitting a legislative outline for rebuilding infrastructure in America; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–29) **Page S872**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S872**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S872**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S872**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S872–75**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S875–76**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S869–70**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S878**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—32) **Pages S867–68**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S887.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COUNTERING AMERICA'S ADVERSARIES THROUGH SANCTIONS ACT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on the Countering America's Adversaries

Through Sanctions Act from A. Wess Mitchell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Christopher A. Ford, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State; and Andrea Gacki, Deputy Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D115)

H.R. 1892, to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty. Signed on February 9, 2018. (Public Law 115-123)

H.R. 1301, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Signed on February 9, 2018. (Public Law 115-124)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold closed hearings to examine the United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal

year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's role in protecting democratic elections, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine improving animal health, focusing on reauthorization of Food and Drug Administration Animal Drug User Fees, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3978, the "TRID Improvement Act of 2017"; H.R. 3299, the "Protecting Consumers' Access to Credit Act of 2017"; and H.R. 620, the "ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017", 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 13 through February 16, 2018

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2579, Broader Options for Americans Act, post-cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.